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 Application No. **PCT/IB01/01305** under )  
 35 U.S.C. 371, for **METHOD FOR**  
**SETTING UP A DIALYSIS TREATMENT**  
**IN A DIALYSIS MACHINE**

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add claims 12 and 13 as follows:

12. (New) Device for setting up a dialysis treatment comprising a microprocessor, a data input and a screen, the device being able to perform a method as claimed in claim 1.

13. (New) A machine comprising:

an apparatus for preparing a dialysate;  
 a dialysate circuit;  
 a blood circuit; and

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